

Senate Bill No. 911

CHAPTER 631

An act to add Section 53115.1 to, to repeal Section 53100.5 of, and to repeal and add Section 53115.2 of, the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 911, Alpert. Local emergency telephone systems: 911 Administrative Board.

The Warren-911-Emergency Assistance Act directs the Telecommunications Division of the Department of General Services to consult regularly with specified agencies, officials, and entities, including local representatives from cities and counties to accomplish its responsibilities with respect to the establishment by local agencies of 911 telephone service.

This bill would create the State 911 Advisory Board comprised of specified members appointed by the Governor to advise the Telecommunications Division on specified subject areas. Members of the board would serve for not more than two 2-year consecutive terms, except as specified.

The bill would also require the board to meet quarterly in public session and the division to provide administrative support to the board. The bill would provide that members may receive reimbursement for travel and per diem.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 53100.5 of the Government Code is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 53115.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:

53115.1. (a) There is in state government the State 911 Advisory Board.

(b) The advisory board shall be comprised of the following members appointed by the Governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(1) The Chief of the California 911 Emergency Communications Office shall serve as the nonvoting chair of the board.

(2) One representative from the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

(3) Two representatives on the recommendation of the California Police Chiefs Association.

(4) Two representatives on the recommendation of the California State Sheriffs' Association.

(5) Two representatives on the recommendation of the California Fire Chiefs Association.

(6) Two representatives on the recommendation of the CalNENA Executive Board.

(7) One representative on the joint recommendation of the executive boards of the state chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc.

(c) Recommending authorities shall give great weight and consideration to the knowledge, training, and expertise of the appointee with respect to their experience within the California 911 system. Board members should have at least two years of experience as a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) manager or county coordinator, except where a specific person is designated as a member.

(d) Members of the advisory board shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but may not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms, except as follows:

(1) The presiding Chief of the California 911 Emergency Communications Office shall serve for the duration of his or her tenure.

(2) Four of the members shall serve an initial term of three years.

(e) Advisory board members shall not receive compensation for their service on the board, but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem for time spent in attending meetings of the board.

(f) The advisory board shall meet quarterly in public sessions in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2). The Telecommunications Division shall provide administrative support to the State 911 Advisory Board. The State 911 Advisory Board, at its first meeting, shall adopt bylaws and operating procedures consistent with this article and establish committees as necessary.

SEC. 3. Section 53115.2 of the Government Code is repealed.

SEC. 4. Section 53115.2 is added to the Government Code, to read:

53115.2. (a) The State 911 Advisory Board shall advise the Telecommunications Division of the Department of General Services on all of the following subjects:

(1) Policies, practices, and procedures for the California 911 Emergency Communications Office.



(2) Technical and operational standards for the California 911 system consistent with the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) standards.

(3) Training standards for county coordinators and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) managers.

(4) Budget, funding, and reimbursement decisions related to the State Emergency Number Account.

(5) Proposed projects and studies conducted or funded by the State Emergency Number Account.

(6) Expediting the rollout of Enhanced 911 Phase II technology.

(b) Upon request of a local public agency, the board shall conduct a hearing on any conflict between a local public agency and the Telecommunications Division regarding a final plan that has not been approved by the Telecommunications Division pursuant to Section 53114. The board shall meet within 30 days following the request, and shall make a recommendation to resolve the conflict to the Telecommunications Division within 90 days following the initial hearing by the board pursuant to the request.

